

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: jenna-021-021.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1500030.055

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 22 April 2015

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 22 April 2015

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The publication depicts an older child or young teenage girl wearing a blue top, white frilly ballet skirt, white underwear, and blue striped leg warmers. She is deliberately posed in a suggestive manner in which her crotch forms the central focus of the image. There is no other plausible reading of this particular image other than that it exists for the purpose of sexual titillation or arousal of adults who have a sexual interest in young girls. The publication appears to have been commercially produced, with the likely intent of catering to those who have a sexual interest in children or young persons.

The availability of such material tends to invite viewers to regard young children or young teenage girls as available for adult sexual gratification. As such the image tends to promote and support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.

The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in

the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.